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Receipt of the initial Office Action of February 17, 2004, is hereby acknowledged. However, upon review of the Office Action dated February 17, 2004, the Examiner refers to a new reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,177,366), which forms the new grounds of rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). However, this reference was not furnished with the Official Action. According to MPEP § 707.05(a), second paragraph, it is described that "Copies of references cited by applicant in accordance with MPEP Section 609, Section 707.05(b) and Section 708.02 are not furnished to applicant with the Office action." However, there is no record that this U.S. patent was ever submitted by Applicant in an Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the period for response be restarted.

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Respectfully submitted,

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